

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Sutherland taught school in Wisconsin and earned his law degree from Brown University before coming to Dakota Territory in 1884; and,

Whereas, John Sutherland organized, managed, and led the three statewide election campaigns that resulted in the people of South Dakota choosing Pierre to be their capital in competition with Huron, Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Chamberlain, and other challengers; and,

Whereas, State Representative John Sutherland introduced legislation that started the construction of the State Capitol in 1905, which was completed in 1910; and,

Whereas, John Sutherland was also the president of the Pierre Board of Education, president of the Pierre Board of Trade, as well as being active in the Baptist Church and the South Dakota State Historical Society; and,

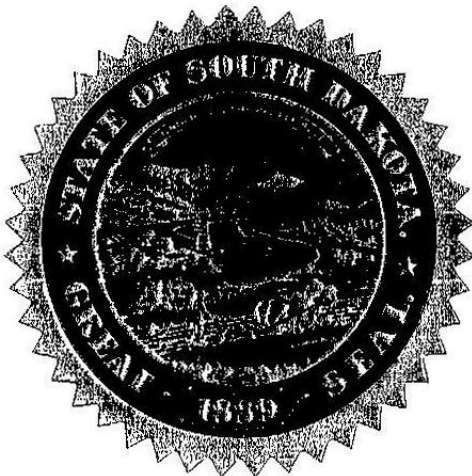
Whereas, The citizens of the Pierre area are grateful for John Sutherland's persistent and successful efforts to win the elections that chose Pierre to be South Dakota's capital; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to join members of the Sutherland family and admirers of John Sutherland's achievements by honoring John Sutherland with an historical marker in front of his home:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2011, as

JOHN SUTHERLAND DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State